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TOWN OF MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 2021 7:00 PM
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM
110 MAIN STREET, MONSON**

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:01 pm

Board Members in attendance: Glenn Colburn, Martha Gilmore, Leslie Duthie and Davis Johnson at 7:15pm

Board Clerk: Penny Gustafson & Heather Wilson

Under consideration is a Request for a Determination of Applicability to determine if the work associated with the installation of a slipline into the culvert located on Hancock Rd Monson, MA (reference addresses 248 Butler Rd, 12 Hancock Rd) is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. Applicant is Monson Highway Department.

Advertised Palmer Journal July 22, 2021.

There was discussion of a slip line that included but was are not limited to:

- a slip line is a smaller line
- The line is reduced from 48 to 42 over a span of 33 feet
- There is the ability to flow more water
- There is concern about the increase of volume
- The process will take 1 day and will not impede water flow

Motion by Leslie, 2nd by Marty - All are in favor 3-0 (Davis not in attendance yet)

Issue a Negative Determination #2 for work in the resource area that will not impact the resource area.

Under consideration is a Request for a Determination of Applicability to determine if the work associated with redevelopment of rear yard and ancillary features within the riverfront area at 102 Lakeside Dr Monson, MA Map 75, Lot 4 is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. Representing the applicant is Adrienne Dunk, GZA Geo Environmental Inc.

Advertised Palmer Journal July 22, 2021.

There was discussion of the removal of in-ground pool and patio that include but are not limited to:

- Dan wants to be in compliance
- Erosion control
- Will plant native shrubs
- The removed pool will become a coy pond
- Using the right side to access the site will prevent the removal of trees
- The distance to the stream is approx. 140 feet
- There was discussion about protecting the vegetation

Motion by Leslie 2nd by Marty - All in favor 4-0

Issue a negative #2 & negative #5 determination

Negative #2 - The work described in the request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.

Negative #5- The area described in the Request is subject to protection under the Act. Since the work described therein meets the requirements for the following exemption, as specified in the Act and the regulations, no Notice of Intent is required: Conversion of lawn to uses accessory to residential structures. 10.58(6)(b) and 10.02 (2)(b) 2e

Under consideration is a Request for a Determination of Applicability to determine if the work associated with upgrading the subsurface disposal system at 57 Lakeshore Dr Map 4, Lot 15 is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. Applicant is Charles Secrease.

Advertised Palmer Journal July 22, 2021.

There was discussion of a subsurface disposal that included but was are not limited to:

- The discussed that there the weather is monitored and extra measures should be taken if necessary
- Discussion about the location of the lake/pond ,it is by the road and it will be protected

Motion by Leslie 2nd by Marty - All in favor 4-0

Issue negative Determination #3 with condition(s)

Negative #3 – The work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as described in the regulations, but will not alter and Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, subject to the following conditions. Conditions all Erosion control shall remain until all areas of construction are stabilized and approval for their removal is received form the Conservation Commission.

Parcel 29-1 Upper Hampden Rd Paul Woloshchuck, Andy Baum; Erosion Control Plan review per enforcement order issued June 16, 2021

There was a review of the erosion control plan that included but was are not limited to:

- Some work has been done @ the gate and the seeded area is holding up with all the rain
- The area should be stable and the swales will catch the water coming off the hill
- They are trying to get the water away from the driveway.
- He board wants an inspection in the event of a lot of rain
- A general sequence plan will be given to the Board by Andy Baum.

Site concept review for the proposed building addition at the current site of the Monson Fire Station, as well as some test fit sketches we did for placing a new fire station at the intersection of Bliss and Main Streets, south of downtown. Both sites fall within the riverfront of Chicopee Brook.

Informal Proposal discussion for the Fire Department expansion

- 1st site option is to expand the current location this project would involve:
Adding additions to the sides of the current building for additional space
Expanding the current building to accommodate larger modern Fire Apparatus
Restructure the parking lot to avoid issued with traffic
The location would be paved with a concrete apron
The concerns that were discussed were: Storm drain management, water run off
- 2nd site option Main & Bliss street (Old S. Main street School)
Build a new Fire Station
A test fit was done for the 2 parcels
Discussion about location and access
Concerns about the trees were addressed and not all of them will be removed
- 3rd Option is the same as the 2nd with the exception that the house would need to be removed
The board can see the advantages of all option but favored option # 2 & 3. No formal decision was made.

Informal discussion for Pasture Clearing Hovey Road (Koob's property)

There was discussion of a pasture clearing that included but was are not limited to:

- Take back some of the parcel for the horses
- The land owners currently have 5 horses and 1 miniature horse
- The house is 2/3 done
- Glen would like to see the non-chapter land on the picture
- Glen would like to know how the land is going to change
- Glen would like to see the house lot.

Informal discussion for Quaboag Riders

- The notice of intent should be in next week

- They are asking the Board to allow them to operate with the corrections that have been made to date
- There has been no issues with all the rain that we have had
- The hay bales have been replaced
- The Board will not allow operation without a Notice of Intent
- The Board will be doing a site visit on August 2nd @ 9:00am

Approval of 6/16/2021 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Davis, 2nd by Marty – All in favor 4-0

Bills Signed

Mail given to the Board to review

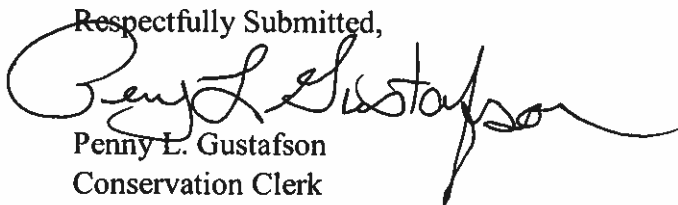
General Board Discussion:

- Glen discussed the need for new Member(s) and will advertise in social media
- Leslie stated that there is a tree that is dead and branches are falling just past 327 Silver Street. Glen will take a ride by.
- Leslie stated that there is a drainage issue at the playground behind the Town Hall. She will call Ben and meet him at the park @ 11am if he is available.
- Leslie will write a letter to the Town asking for a Conservation Agent for 20-24 hours weekly.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:36pm

Motioned by Glenn 2nd by Marty - All in favor 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Penny L. Gustafson

Conservation Clerk

Approved on 09/08/2021